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Public comment sought on bacteria TMDL for 10 stream segments in the Carr Fork Watershed *Comment period ends May 24*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 17, 2013) –The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet is seeking public comment until May 24, 2013, on a draft report addressing E. coli and fecal coliform impairments in Carr Fork Watershed located in Knott County.

The Clean Water Act requires each state to periodically identify specific waters where designated uses are not being met and water quality impairments exist. The state is also required to prioritize the list of impaired waters, calculate a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) of pollutants for those waters and devise plans to improve the water quality.

The report, prepared by the Kentucky Division of Water, addresses E. coli and fecal coliform impairments in the Carr Fork Watershed at levels that make it inappropriate for the Primary Contact Recreation (swimming) designated use. The report includes data and procedures used to calculate the TMDL for the stream segments.

Revisions to the report may be made following the public comment period and before it is sent to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

The report may be viewed on the Division of Water Web site at <http://water.ky.gov/Pages/PublicNotices.aspx>. Comments should be sent in writing to Andrea Fredenburg, Division of Water, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Fourth Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601 or by e-mail to Andrea.Fredenburg@ky.gov. Contact Andrea Fredenburg by phone at 502-564-3410.

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